Nuggets of News

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January, February and March
2003

Newsletter for members and friends of the Gold Hill Historical Society
Established 1986
Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
at the Historical Society Museum, 504 First Avenue, Gold Hill, Oregon (except for August when the Annual Picnic/Potluck is held at noon on the 3rd Sunday).
Museum hours: Thursday through Saturday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Closed Holidays - Admission FREE (Donations accepted.)

Cub Scouts Help Clean Up

A special thanks to Cub Scout Pack 43, the leaders, parents and siblings who came out on October 19, 2002, to visit our museum and volunteer . They spent their time raking the yard, sweeping the porches, walkways and dusting cobwebs.

Photo by Jayme Neil

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Group Photo. First row (L to R); Marielle, Alex, Josh and Cheryl. Second row (L to R); Randy, Montana, Charlie, and Trevor. Third row (Lto R); Ryan (yellow hat), Jordan (blue hat), Ian (blue shirt) and Kyle (yellow shirt). Fourth row (L to R); Issac and Ben. Back row (L to R); Leslie, Neal, Randy, and Gordon.

"Angry Cat" wins pumpkin contest

Photo by Jayme Neil

Here is our happy winner, Zack Burgess (age 5). Zack won the 2002 Halloween pumpkin carving contest with his entry, "Angry Cat". Zack won a Teddy Bear, Candy, Bubbles and a T-shirt. Zack designed the winning pumpkin and carved it with his dad. Congratulations to Zack and his "Angry Cat"

Photo by Jayme Neil

CHAVNER OPEN HOUSE

Photo by Jayme Neil

Once a year the community is able to enjoy the Chavner open house. The historical home is located on Blackwell road near Gold Hill. The home was not built by Thomas Chavner but by his children after his death. It is believed that the children ordered the home from a catalog. It was assembled in 1892. The home has been restored by the new owners, Jim and Becky Estremado, and is now on the national register.

Thomas Chavner is known as the founding father of Gold Hill. In 1884, Chavner hired J.S. Howard to survey a town site so the railroad would put in a station. He donated the streets and alleys for the new city which became Gold Hill.

Source: *The Chavner Homeplace* by Linda Morehouse

Fall Festival

Photo by Jayme Neil

Photo by Dawn Johnson

Gold Hill Historical Society hosted a Fall Festival November 16, 2002. There was a pie baking contest and a variety of demonstrations. There were many interesting demonstrations such as wood carving, shoe cobbling, leather tooling, Native American food preparation, butter churning, and spinning wool. The winners of the pie contest were Barbara Finnie for *Best Pumpkin*, June Lines for *Most Unique* for her pineapple pie and Adia Skogstrom for *Best Overall* for her coconut cream pie. We had a great turn out of about 50 visitors.

Photo by Jayme Neil

Nana Claus comes to Gold Hill Historical Society

Photo by Jayme Neil

Nana Claus made a special visit to the Museum this holiday season. Children of all ages enjoyed two days of crafts, story time, cookies and Nana Claus' personal attention. Here Nana Claus is holding baby Jaydon Hauser who is definitely in the christmas spirit.

Photo by Jayme Neil

Here Mackinze Kelton (age 8), Jennifer Boardman, Cassi Barney (red sweater) and Jorden Barney (age 2) make ornaments to decorate our christmas tree.

Gold Hill Historical Society Welcomes Dawn Johnson

The Society is happy to have Dawn Johnson as our new volunteer/intern. Dawn has been working at the museum since October 2002 and will continue working until March of 2003. She has been undertaking a variety of projects including accessioning of artifacts, collection organization, exhibits and much more.

Photo by Kelly Jackson

Here is what Dawn had to say; "Volunteering at the museum is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills and apply the knowledge that I have gained at Southern Oregon University. I am currently working on my Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology and a Cultural Resource Management Certificate. After graduation, I will be going to Florida to study for my Master's Degree in Underwater Archaeology and Museum Studies."

We appreciate all Dawn's hard work and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors. If you would like to meet Dawn, please stop by the museum on any Friday.

Chinese New Year

The Chinese Lunar New Year is the longest chronological record in history, dating from 2600BC, when the Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the zodiac. Like the Western calendar, The Chinese Lunar Calendar is a yearly one, with the start of the lunar year being based on the cycles of the moon. Therefore, because of this cyclical dating, the beginning of the year can fall anywhere between late January and the middle of February. This year it falls on February 12th. A complete cycle takes 60 years and is made up of five cycles of 12 years each.

The Chinese Lunar Calendar names each of the twelve years after an animal. Legend has it that the Lord Buddha summoned all the animals to come to him before he departed from earth. Only twelve came to bid him farewell and as a reward he named a year after each one in the order they arrived. The Chinese believe the animal ruling the year in which a person is born has a profound influence on personality, saying: "This is the animal that hides in your heart."

RAT	1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996
OX	1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997
TIGER	1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998
RABBIT	1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999
DRAGON	1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000
SNAKE	1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001
HORSE	1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
SHEEP	1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
MONKEY	1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
ROOSTER	1933, 1944, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
DOG	1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
BOAR	1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

See which "...animal hides in your heart"...

Rats are said to be imaginative, charming and generous to those they love.

Oxen are born leaders and they are good with their hands.

Tigers are bold and adventourous. They are also risk takers and can act before they think

Rabbits are affectionate, co-operative, sentimental and pleasent.

Boar are honest, tolerant and make good friends. They also thrive in the arts.

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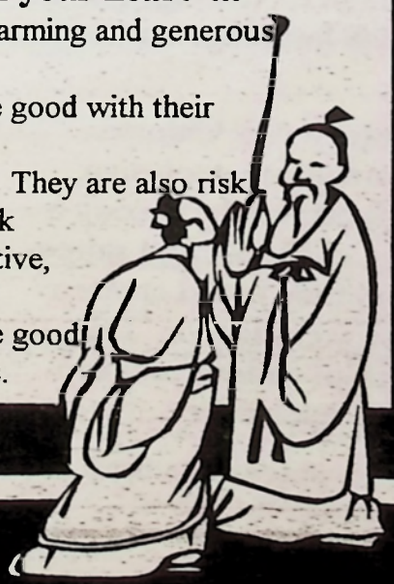

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Dragons tend to be popular people who are always full of life and very fun loving.
Snakes are romantic, deep thinkers, very wise and charming
Horses are very hard working, independent, and friendly. They have also been known to be a bit selfish.
Sheep are said to be charming, elegant and artistic. They have been known to be complain ers.
Monkey are well-liked, intellegent and sucessful in anything that they do.
Rooster are hard workers and not afraid to speak their minds.
Dogs are honest and faithful. They also can be worriers and often find fault in others.

Information obtained from the following website
http://www.new-year.co.uk/chinese/history.htm

Chinese Inventions

The Chinese have given the world many wonderful inventions. Here is a sample of some of those that really changed the world.

- Legend has it that the invention of paper was presented to the Emperor in the year 105 AD by Cai.

- In 1045 AD, Bi Sheng invented the moveable type. Surprisingly this invention did not impact Chinese society. It wasn't until 300 years later in Europe that Gutenberg's development of moveable type revolutionized the world. The reason for this is because the Chinese language uses 3000 to 5000 characters in an average newspaper while the English language only uses 26.

- In the eighth century AD, Chinese scientists invented something explosive: gunpowder. They found that by mixing a combination of sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter (potassium nitrate) they could create a substance that was very explosive. This invention had great implications in weaponry, the military and much more.

Information obtained from following website: http://wwww.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html

The History of Valentine's Day

February 14th is Valentine's Day. Although it is celebrated as a lovers' holiday today, with the giving of candy, flowers, or other gifts between couples in love, it originated in 5th Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

For eight hundred years prior to the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercus. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box. The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his companion during the remaining year.

In an effort to do away with the pagan festival, Pope Gelasius ordered a slight change in the lottery. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year. Needless to say, many of the young Roman men were not too pleased with the rule changes.

Instead of the pagan god Lupercus, the Church looked for a suitable patron saint of love to take his place. They found an appropriate choice in Valentine, who, in AD 270 had been beheaded by Emperor Claudius.

Claudius had determined that married men made poor soldiers. So he banned marriage from his empire. But Valentine would secretly marry young couples that came to him. When Claudius found out about Valentine, he first tried to convert him to paganism. But Valentine reversed the strategy, trying instead to convert Claudius. When he failed, he was stoned and beheaded.

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THANK YOU!

Gold Hill Historical Society would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations and contributions during the past year: Morrow's Hardware- Gold Hill, Outback Steakhouse- Medford, Curves for Women- Central Point, RR Country Florist- Rogue River, Gold Hill Video- Gold Hill, Sandy's Nail and Hair- Rogue River, Farmhouse Treasures- Jacksonville, Extreme Nails & Tanning- Central Point, Jan's Hallmark- Central Point, Ray's Food Place- Gold Hill, Gold Hill Pharmacy- Gold Hill, Personal Grooming- Rouge River, Northwest Sandwich Express-Central Point, StoneHenge Oregon Rock, and Del Rio Vineyard. If we missed anyone we do apologize!

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers who put in many hours of hard work over the past year! Without our volunteers the society simply could not function! We are always looking for new volunteers as well. Please contact Jayme Neil if you are interested! 855-1182.

Memorial Garden Update

Construction on the Memorial Garden has finally began. The project got underway in December under the careful guidance of Barbara Finnie. Before construction could begin, four honey locus trees had to be removed and the mining artifacts had to be moved. A few volunteers helped to get the yard ready so that StoneHenge Oregon Rock could begin building a beautiful stone wall. StoneHenge Oregon Rock will begin constructing the wall and are not charging for their labor. They will also be discounting much of the material. The stone wall should be finished by the end of January. When finished, The Memorial Garden will have a lovely stone wall, a rich and colorful garden and a fountain. The garden will be a beautiful place that many people can enjoy and remember their loved ones . If you have any questions please call, 855-1182.

A Friendly Reminder:

It is that time of year again, membership dues are due. Please Mail in your check with the following form. We look foward to a very successful 2003. Thank you all for your support!

Gold Hill Historical Society
Membership/Renewal/Volunteer Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

☐ Family Membership $6.00 per year
New membership,. Welcome!

☐ Family Membership $6.00 per year
Renewal. Thank you!

☐ Contribution

☐ Yes, I would like to volunteer

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(The History of Valentines Day continued)

During the days that Valentine was imprisoned, he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. His love for her, and his great faith, managed to miraculously heal her from her blindness before his death. Before he was taken to his death, he signed a farewell message to her, "From your Valentine." The phrase has been used on his day ever since. Although the lottery for women had been banned by the church, the mid-February holiday in commemoration of St. Valentine was still used by Roman men to seek the affection of women. It became a tradition for the men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection containing Valentine's name.

The first Valentine card grew out of this practice. The first true Valentine card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time. Cupid, another symbol of the holiday, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine cards.

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Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. This is an important time to remember the many women who have made contributions and sacrifices for science, activism, sports, education, medicine, human rights, music and much, much more. We have had many women from Gold Hill who have made a difference. Margaret Chavner was just one of those women.

Margaret Chavner

Margaret Chavner was born to Thomas and Margaret Chavner on April 26, 1872. She was the youngest of four children. Her brother, Anthony, had died in infancy. Margaret's mother died when she only six and her father remarried shortly before her 10th birthday. Both Margaret and her older sister, Mary Ann, attended St. Mary's Academy in Jacksonville. Margaret continued her education by attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. After Margaret's return to the Rogue Valley, she played piano for one season in Ashland for the Chautauqa.

In 1897, Margaret married S. Donald Jones, a former traveling correspondent for various papers. Mr. Jones had become interested in mining and had come to Gold Hill the previous year. The couple moved to Montague California where Mr. Jones engaged successfully in the furniture business until his death from consumption the following year.

Margaret soon became very active in the State Equal Suffrage Association. In 1898 she served as the Representative from Jackson County and with others, signed an opened letter to the State of Oregon Legislative Assembly. The Equal Suffrage Association was influential in the 1912 Oregon Legislature's approval for women's right to vote.

In 1906, Margaret married William E. Thompson. Mr. Thompson had gotten off the train in Gold Hill because he liked the looks of the town. Mr. Thompson invested in the Blue Ledge Mine and that is where he and Margaret spent their honeymoon and the first year of their marriage.

The couple had two children, Hortense and Chavner. Margaret lived to be 102. She died in 1974 and is buried in Jacksonville Oregon.

This article is adapted from the article, *Margaret Chavner*, by Gloria Wood.

IMPORTANT DATES IN WOMEN' S HISTORY

July 19-20, 1848 The world's first women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, New York setting the agenda for the women'srights movement that followed.

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(Dates in Women's History cont.)

1850
Quaker physicians establish the Female (later Women's) Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia to give women a chance to learn medicine. Due to threats against them, the first women graduated under police guard.

1866
14th Amendment is passed by Congress (ratified by the states in 1868), the first time "citizens" and "voters" are defined as "male" in the Constitution.

1887
For the first and only time in this century, the U.S. Senate votes on woman suffrage. 25 Senators do not bother to participate.

1919
The House of Representatives passes the woman suffrage amendment, 304 to 89. The Senate passes it as well.

August 26, 1920
The 19th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, guaranteeing American women citizens the right to vote. It is quietly signed into law in a ceremony to which the press and suffragists were not invited.

1953
The Second Sex by French feminist writer Simone De Beauvoir coined The phrase "women's liberation"

1955
Women were accepted, by vote, as ministers in the U.S. Presbyterian Church.

1955
Lucille Ball's character on "I Love Lucy," the TV comedy show watched by millions, gave birth to Little Ricky, and by continuing to do the show throughout her pregnancy, and by letting her pregnancy show on the screen, Lucille Ball proved by example that women need not give up their careers for pregnancy.

1973
The U.S. military is integrated when the women-only branches are eliminated.

1975
Taylor v. Louisiana denied states the right to exclude women from juries.

1981
Sandra Day O'Connor is the first woman ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1993, she is joined by Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Information obtained from following website: www.computingcorner.com/holidays/womenhistory/women.htm

IMPORTANT WOMEN IN HISTORY

Harriet Tubman
Born: c. 1820, Dorchester County, Maryland
Died: March 10, 1913, Auburn, New York

Credit: Portrait of Harriet Tubman. Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University.

Harriet Tubman was a runaway slave from Maryland who became known as the Moses of her people. Over the course of 10 years, and at great personal risk, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, a secret network of safe houses where runaway slaves could stay on their journey north to freedom. She later became a leader in the abolitionist movement, and during the Civil War she was a spy with for the federal forces in South Carolina as well as a nurse.

Amelia Earhart
Born: July 24, 1897
Died: July 1937 (?)

Amelia Earhart wasn't afraid to break down barriers. In 1928, she was the first woman to fly as a passenger across the Atlantic Ocean. Then, in 1932, she became the first woman to pilot a plane across that ocean. There weren't many female pilots back then, and her actions inspired other women to follow their dreams. This was especially important because there were few career choices available to women at that time. Amelia Earhart has inspired generations of women to do things that had never been done by women before.

Susette La Flesche
Born 1854
Died 1903

Susette La Flesche, an Omaha, campaigned tirelessly for Native American rights, becoming the first Native American lecturer and the first published Native American artist and writer. Daughter of Chief Joseph La Flesche, Chief of the Omahas, La Flesche was a teacher on her reservation after completing her education at the Elizabeth Institute in New Jersey. She generated national attention in 1879 when she accompanied newspaperman Thomas Tibbles of the Omaha Herald on a lecture tour to publicize wrongs against the Ponca Indians. The tribe had been brutally displaced and relocated to unfamiliar grounds, and more than a third had died. La Flesche, going by the English translation of her Native American name Inshta Theumba (Bright Eyes), was able to reach influential

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Easterners and brought about passage of the Dawes Act in 1887, at the time considered a progressive law of benefit to the tribes. La Flesche married Tibbles in 1881 and continued to tour and lecture in America and England. She also became a writer, contributing regularly to a variety of magazines and newspapers. She anonymously edited Ploughed Under, *The Story of an Indian Chief.*

Pocahontas
Born: 1596 (exact date uncertain)
Died: March (exact date uncertain) 1617

Pocahontas was the daughter of Powhatan, an important chief of the Algonquian Indians (the Powhatans) who lived in the Virginia region. Her real name was Matoaka. Pocahontas was a nickname meaning playful or mischievous one. Pocahontas is most famous for reportedly saving the life of English Captain John Smith. Throughout her short life (she died at the age of 22), however, she was important in other ways as well. Pocahontas tried to promote peace between the Powhatans and the English colonists. She even converted to Christianity and married John Rolfe, a Jamestown colonist, a union which helped bring the two groups together.

Her timely death in England hurt the chance for continued peace in Virginia between the Algonquians and the colonists.

Elizabeth Cady Staton
Born: November 12, 1815, Johnstown, New York
Died: October 26, 1902, New York, New York

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was one of the first leaders of the American woman's rights movement. An excellent writer and speaker, she and Susan B. Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869 and worked together to secure women's right to vote. Throughout her life, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a spokesperson for the rights of women, and her daughter, Harriot Stanton Blatch, carried on her mother's work.

Information obtained from following website
www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa

How many hearts can you find? For answer see page 9. Good Luck!

Presidents Day Fact

It wasn't until President Richard Nixon proclaimed "Presidents' Day" a Federal Holiday in 1971 that the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and George Washington (February 22) were combined into one holiday. Before that time both Birthdays were observed separately.

Information obtained from following website:
www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/socialstd/Presday.html

Abraham Licoln
Born: February 12, 1809 in Hardin (now Larue) County, Kentucky
Died: April 15, 1865 in Washington, District of Columbia
President: March 4th, 1861 to April 15, 1865

George Washington
Born : February 22, 1732 at Wakefield, Westmoreland, Virginia
Died: December 14, 1799 at Mount Vernon, Fairfax, Virginia
President: April 30, 1789 to March 4, 1797

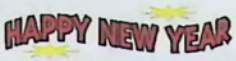
Information obtained from following website:
www.usis.usemb.se/Holidays/celebrate/abraham.html

We are having our elections in January so please be aware that we will have a new Board of Directors shortly. The 2002 Board of Directors is as follows;

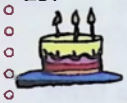
Cindy Faubion, President
Ida Tilley, Vice President
Janet Sessions, Secretary
Maureen Smith, Treasurer
Ted Wharton

"People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be"
Abraham Lincoln

GHHS Calendar

January 1 

January 15 **GHHS Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm. Nominations and elections of our new officers will take place. This is a very important meeting. We hope you can join us!**



January 18 **GHHS 17th Birthday Party is noon to 2. The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will be performing from noon to 1 pm. Cake and refreshments will be provided. This is a free event.**

January 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & GHHS actual 17th Birthday. This is the anniversary of establishing the GHHS. Three more years would pass before it would became a "formal, non-profit Historical Society"**

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February 2nd **Groundhog's Day**

February 12 **Chinese New Year. Please visit the Museum, during the month of February, for a special display on the Chinese and their connection to Gold Hill and surrounding areas.**

Lucky Character: The single word " FOOK ", or fortune, is often displayed in many Chinese homes and stores.

February 14 **Valentines Day**

February 17 **Presidents Day**

February 19 **GHHS Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm**

March **Women's History Month. Visit the Musuem for a special display on Gold Hill women in history.**

March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**

March 19 **GHHS Monthy Meeting at 6:30**

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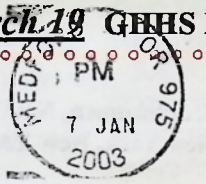

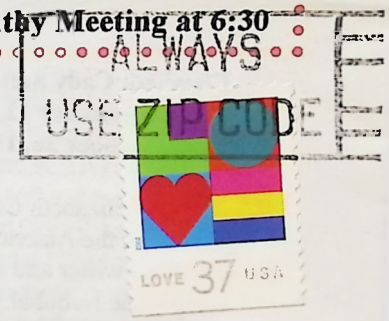

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